

Registered Charity Number 1166649

Report of the Trustees and Financial Statements

For the year ending 31 March 2022

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Legal status

The charity is registered and is a charity incorporated organisation governed by its Constitution. Charity No. 1166649.

Trustees

The Trustees during the year under review were:

Barry Miles - part year; Anver Anderson – part year (Chair) Sharon Scott – part year; Jackie Bates – part year (Treasurer) Jackie Bates – part year; Christine James – part year (Secretary) Bethan Anderson Mat Smith Sara Mortimer Susan Corina Colin Shoard Kieran Bedwell Lisa Robertson

Registered office

Little Highways 86 Main Road Great Leighs Essex CM3 1NE

Independent examiner

Ross Rogers 33 Byron Road Chelmsford Essex CM2 6EP

Bankers

Barclays Bank plc 40 High Street Chelmsford CM1 1DE

Report of the trustees for the year ending 31 March 2022

The Trustees present their report and the audited financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2022. These comply with current statutory requirements and with the governing document. This report also serves as a Trustees Annual Report as required by the Charity Commission.

Springers Amateur Operatic & Dramatic Society, ("Springers") was registered on 20 April 2016 as a charity with the Charity Commission.

Objectives

Springers' constitution clearly states that its objective is to promote the advancement and improvement of general education in relation to all aspects of the art of drama and musical theatrical performance for all in the local community.

Activities

The principal activity undertaken is the performance of two shows a year in the local Chelmsford theatres by our adult group and one show by our youth group, Offspringers.

Offspringers engages children between the ages of 7 to 18 years of age. In addition, performances are made at various events, including corporate carol singing, concert groups and running workshops in all aspects of theatre arts.

Public benefit

The service is a public benefit available for the enjoyment of all in the local community. Both Springers and Offspringers welcome new members.

Organisation

Responsibility under Springers Constitution for controlling its management and administration lies with a Management Board made up of the Trustees, together with the nominated honorary Springers president, who is ineligible to vote on the Management Board but can make submissions. Jackie Bates is the Springers President for 2021-2022. Due to the current coronavirus situation, her term was extended by an additional year. The Management Board is appointed by the membership at the Annual General Meeting. At each Annual General Meeting a third of all Board members are required to retire from office, though all such members are eligible for re-election. The minimum number of Board members is three and the maximum is currently twelve. New appointees are identified as a result of Springers' members putting themselves forward at the Annual General Meeting, proposed and seconded by two other members.

All Board members are volunteers and they currently meet monthly to receive reports and to monitor progress. The Chair normally deals with any urgent issues arising between meetings and takes decisions when necessary. Committee meetings comprising Board members occur when required; for example, to deal with fundraising or urgent complaints. They report their findings back to the Board. Board members are also often involved in assisting the running of the organisation in a variety of ways. The current Board comprises the following Trustees undertaking the following roles:

Barry Miles - part year; Anver Anderson – part year (Chair) Sharon Scott – part year; Jackie Bates – part year (Treasurer) Jackie Bates – part year; Christine James – part year (Secretary) Susan Corina – Vice Chair Lisa Robertson– Offspringers Bethan Anderson – Marketing Christine James - part year; Steve James [non-trustee] - part year (Production) Mat Smith – Social and Fundraising Sara Mortimer – Membership Kieran Bedwell – without portfolio Colin Shoard – Reading Committee

Several changes occurred mid-term, which brought Anver Anderson in as Chair and the movement of Sharon Scott from Treasurer, taken up by Jackie Bates; and the movement of Jackie Bates as Secretary, taken up by Christine James. Steve James, as a non-trustee, stepped up to manage the Production Chair position.

All Trustees detailed above served on the Board during this reporting year.

Reading, Production, Marketing and Offspringers all have separate subcommittees which are led by the appropriate Trustee as detailed above and meet as often as reasonably required.

The Trustees comply with the duty in section 4 of the Charities Act 2006 to have due regard to public benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission in deciding what activities are to be undertaken.

Review and progress of achievements

Anver Anderson - Chair Report

2022 saw the lights come back on in the theatre world – both amateur and professional. Springers return to the stage saw an award-winning production *of Little Shop of Horrors*. The award, for technical design, took into consideration the use of a 'human' plant – rather than the usual 'puppet' version of the alien invader as well as the ingenious use of the set to provide the magic of the disappearance of people after the plant had devoured them. The show was well attended, considering the reluctance of theatre audiences in general and the show more than met its costs.

Currently, the Society is in the advanced stages of rehearsals of *Kinky Boots* which will be performed mid-June 2022. *Kinky Boots* is one of the largest productions undertaken so far and has required a large budget to produce. *The Addams Family* is expected to be produced in the Autumn of 2022.

March saw our youth group Offspringers return to the stage too; having had the disappointment of actually putting the Annie set into the theatre and having to close following the dress rehearsal performance, Offspringers came back with *Honk!*; a musical retelling of Hans Christian Andersen's tale of the *Ugly Duckling*. Now the group is preparing for *The Adventures of Mr Toad* in 2023.

This year marks 40 years of Springers and 25 years of Offspringers and both groups continue to serve all parts of the local community.

Lisa Robertson - Offspringers Report

A great year for Offspringers, as it was so good to be back properly after the disruption of the last 18 months!

Quite a number of new members joined Offspringers as the numbers had dipped with children leaving due to their age and other commitments. The new group mixed well and as the year progressed, have become a tight-knit team who work well together and look out for each other.

The summer term was spent preparing for the production of *Honk!* auditions and casting the show before the summer holidays. *Honk!* rehearsals ran well, although they continued to be affected by absences due to Covid, which had some impact on the speed of progress made on the schedule. However, in March, it was fantastic to be back in the Cramphorn for show week and all the Offspringers (and related supporting teams) enjoyed a successful run of *Honk!*

The Offspringers Committee has returned to face-to-face meetings this year and is looking forward to being able to welcome some new committee members to help with the day-today running of the group, as well as adding extra support once we finally move into the theatre.

Sara Mortimer - Membership Report

Since getting back into the theatre last November for the production of *Little Shop of Horrors* we have received lots of enquiries about membership – especially during lockdown. It has been fantastic to welcome many new members to Springers over this past year.

There are currently 95 full members,10 associate members and 11 life members and there continues to be lots of enquiries about membership through our website and social media pages. Also this year, we have welcomed new members from the deaf and hard of hearing community. As a result, Springers will provide BSL signed performances of both *Kinky Boots* and *The Addams Family*.

Bethan Anderson - Marketing Report

During 2021/22 some normality returned to Springers' marketing endeavours. *Little Shop of Horrors'* publicity day was rained off part way through and *Kinky Boots* almost met the same fate – rain often accompanies a promotion day it seems. Though inclement, both days went very well and boosted ticket sales by roughly 10% each time (based on sales for the week following), proving that our singing and chatting in the high street is well worth it.

The team has had a reshuffle and we have gained some new members (new to the team as well as the Society). Over the next year the team will be working closely together to develop and evolve our current processes.

Social media engagement with our audiences has been at an all-time high. Our scheduling tool, Hootsuite, is proving invaluable - over 100 posts have been scheduled for our 40th/25th anniversaries taking us through to the end of the year. With this tool we are also able to check our analytics and compare year on year to ensure engagement with our audiences remains high.

Social Platform	End of Year followers 20/21	End of year followers 21/22	Engagements 20/21	Engagement 21/22	Number of posts 20/21	Number of posts 21/22
Facebook	1100	1200	1100	5000 (reactions 3400, comments 887, shares 700)	34	148
Twitter	843	844	14	243 (likes 133, retweets, 96, quoted tweets 9, replies 5)	11	95
Instagram	422	536	527	1800 (like photo 1100, like video 482, like album 185	30	108

Full Society involvement still is, and always will be, the most important part of implementing plans when marketing; not just the shows, but our entire society.

The Marketing Team is always open to ideas/suggestions for promotional activities.

Mat Smith - Social and Fundraising Report

The Social & Fundraising Team & Committee was started 28 years ago when it was realised that Springers needed to raise funds for the Society whilst enjoying taking part in fun events and activities. Over the years, significant funds have been raised at events such as quiz nights, garden parties, safari suppers, theatre trips and days out. Over the past couple of years support for these events has diminished and several events have had to be cancelled, largely due to the pandemic restrictions, but also possibly due to the change in membership, as yet unaware of the events of the more distant past.

All members are encouraged to help plan events and regular calls for members with particular skills in this area are made to the membership. In the last couple of years, these calls have largely gone unanswered, very likely due to the world situation. However, as this is Springers' 40th anniversary year and Offspringers' 25th anniversary year, a whole range of activities have been organised, including a grand ball, a celebratory concert, a 24-hour singing marathon, a coffee morning and an Offspringers' concert and garden party.

All these events are maintained on the Society calendar which is accessed online via the TeamApp application.

Jackie Bates – Treasurer

Having finally been able to return to performing in November 21, *Little Shop of Horrors* was a fabulous, almost sold-out show, making a respectable profit in the Cramphorn Theatre of \pm 1,415.

Premium Bond wins have continued, with £175 received and the missing income from The Essex Lottery was traced with £703 received. A small amount was received from Easyfundraising/Amazon and this could really be increased with members using this option when online shopping.

Thanks to the members who continued paying their monthly Standing Orders during lockdown, these totalled another £385.

The President's Ball finally took place and raised a wonderful £1,125.02. With Gift Aid this increases by £225. All members continue to be encouraged to donate using Gift Aid, either by manual form or signing up by their Teamapp profile. From the proceedings, £625.02 was donated to our Springers Charity and £500 to the British Lung Society.

Expenditure has continued in line with our usual costs. Scaffolding poles were purchased which have been added as an asset at a cost of £416.46. Meeting venue hire is high this year as payments cover the period from 2019. Going forwards this will be paid on a quarterly basis. The funds previously reported as being earmarked to the Future Planning Pot have now been included within the General fund.

The accounts have been examined and signed off by Ross Rogers having regard to the requirements of current legislation and the Statement of Recommended Practice on Accounting and Reporting by Charities issued by the Charities Commission in March 2005.

Accounts

Annex 1 to this document.

Quality management

Work is continuing on an ongoing basis to ensure that Springers has in place a basic set of documented procedures to ensure that quality standards are met and maintained in order that it can undertake its activities in a professional manner and in compliance with all relevant professional codes of conduct.

Reserves policy

At the present time Springers' monies that are not immediately required are in bank accounts held with Barclays Bank plc along with an amount of Premium Bonds which can be accessed at short notice should it be deemed necessary. There are no immediate plans to change this and therefore all remaining monies will continue to be held in "risk free" bank accounts.

The Trustees have decided that £30,000 should be ring-fenced as a reserve. This roughly equates to the total cost of one production in the Civic theatre without any income.

Investment policy

Springers currently hold £30,000 in premium bond investments.

Risk review & register

It is the stated policy of the Management Board to conduct an annual assessment of the risks affecting Springers and to prepare and keep updated a risk register. The likelihood and impact of the identified risks are considered as are the controls in place and possible further steps to mitigate them to reduce the residual risk to the organisation. The Trustees can confirm that the major risks to which the Springers is exposed to were reviewed on **17th May 2022** and systems have been established to mitigate those risks as detailed in the risk register below.

LIKELIHOOD of harm being caused - 1=LOW, 2=MEDIUM, 3=HIGH IMPACT of risk - 1=LOW, 2=MEDIUM, 3=HIGH RATING - LIKELIHOOD x IMPACT

#	Nature of Risk	Likelihood	Impact	Rating	Controls in place	Comments
1	Loss of money from bank accounts	1	3	3	Most payments are now made using Online Banking. New Bank requires all payments are dual authorised by a second signatory. The Stripe account is managed by the Chairman with the Treasurer having access and sees the transfers.	Account statements are available to all trustees and anything untoward should be picked up by the auditor, albeit after the event
2	Improper use of cheque books	1	3	3	2 signatures on every cheque required. Only the cheque book is held by the treasurer. No blank cheques to be signed by any signatory.	Anything untoward should be picked up by auditor, albeit after the event
3	Signed acceptance of	2	2	4	Long-standing relationships exist with contractual 3 rd	Chairman will sign new contracts with support from the

	inappropriate contracts				parties. With new contractual relationships, contracts need to be double-checked by a competent individual. Where appropriate or high value/risk external legal advice should be sought	Production Committee. Members are advised that they are not allowed to enter into any contractual agreements themselves.
4	Loss of cash	2	1	2	Monies banked at earliest opportunity. Encourage use of electronic banking.	Advise all holders of cash to pass to the treasurer asap.
5	Incorrect claims / payment of invoices	1	2	2	All invoices scrutinised by the treasurer and payments only made against receipts.	Make department heads aware.
6	Loss of membership data – electronic / manual	1	3	3	Springers have a clear policy on the storage and use of data (personal and non-personal) which includes personal storage, backup, security, cloud storage and mobile policy.	Membership details will be downloaded quarterly from Teamapp and stored on Google drive.
7	Trustee negligence	1	3	3	Trustee Indemnity Insurance in place. Major decisions taken collectively by board. Agreement to seek specialist advice when required. All trustees should be competent to fulfil the role with which they are charged. Clear policy on appointment/remo val of trustees is documented. All trustee roles have clear role descriptions to ensure volunteers know what the role	Accept consequences

8	Health & Safety negligence	1	3	3	entails and what is expected of them. Declarations of interest to be made at the start of each Board meeting. Risk assessments are in place for the venues we use. A specific one is in place for the Barn which will be reviewed annually.	Any unusual or 'extreme' social events may require risk assessments also. PC chair to review Barn RA annually.
9	Injury incurred	1	2	2	Public liability Insurance in place. Correct clothing	Accident log is
	at rehearsal				and footwear to be worn at rehearsal. Encourage and minimise inappropriate use of furniture.	online. First aid boxes held at SPC and the theatres. First Aid box at the barn.
10	Child abuse	1	3	3	Chaperones are always in place at performances and are DBS checked in line with local authority policy. Additional adults are also DBS checked as deemed necessary. Ratio of adults to children at rehearsals is appropriate.	Chaperones are not required to attend rehearsals but everyone to remain vigilant at all times. Our Safeguarding policy details this under 3.1.2
11	Reputational damage from inappropriate external communication via email or social media	2	3	6	Social media policy in place. Teamapp is a closed environment for members.	Monitoring and enforcement essential
12	Show abandonment	2	3	6	Insurance against such risk is in place, although abandonment due to a Pandemic is no longer covered. Limiting financial commitment to mitigate risk.	The circumstances which would lead to this are usually outside our control.

Annex 1 - Accounts

SPRINGERS				
YEAR END 31ST MARCH 2022				
Opening Balances			£	73,455.01
Income		£		
General Fund		7231.54		
Offspringers General Fund		1481		
Shows				
	Honk	5266		
	LSOH	18112		
			£	32,090.54
			£	105,545.55
Expenses				
General Fund		12711.45		
Offspringers General Fund		655.85		
Scaffolding poles asset purchase		416.46		
Shows				
	Kinky Boots- net	6948.32		
	Honk	10004.06		
	LSOH	15064.84		
	The adventures of Mr Toad	500		
				£46,300.98
Closing Balances			£	59,244.57
Summary - we have £14210.44 less in the ba				

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						31/03/2022		31/03/202
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rojector					£1,674.00		£1,674.00	
)epreciatio	n				-£627.75		-£418.50	
A System	& Mic's (p	urchased 02	/19)		£2,500.00		£2,500.00	
epreciatio	n				-£1,250.00		-£937.50	
iano No.2	- Cost				£1,395.00		£1,395.00	
epreciatio	n				-£1,307.85		-£1,133.47	
iano - Cos	t (Less Don	ation)			£473.98		£473.98	
epreciatio					-£473.98		-£473.98	
caffolding	Poles (pur	chased 11/2	21)		£416.46			
curroranig	roics (pai				2110.10			
						£2,799.86		£3,079.5
URRENT A	ASSETS							
Cash in Har					£50.00		£220.00	
Current Acc	ount avings Acc	ount			£2,331.64 £25,528.81		£956.07 £37,294.43	
	avings Acc rs Savings /				£1,334.12		£4,984.51	
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						£59,244.57		£73,455.0
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	s Family E ures of Mr				£2,496.00 £500.00		£2,496.00	
Honk Expen		Toau			2300.00		£500.00	
	Of Horrors				67.440.22		£1,000.00	
(inky Boots	Expenses				£7,448.32	£10,444.32	£500.00	£4,496.0
						£72,488.75		£81,030.5
REPRESENT	TED BY							
NCOME AN	ND EXPEND	DITURE ACC	OUNT					
Opening Ba	lance					£81,030.54		£82,895.7
		ınd - Spring ınd - Offspri			-£ 6,176.04 £825.15		-£ 8,914.13 -£ 224.30	
		nning Fund	Ingers		2025.15		£746.86	
						-£5,350.89		-£8,391.5
	Annie South Paci	fic						£5,394.6 £1,131.7
	Honk					-£5,238.06		
	LSOH					£2,047.16		
						£72,488.75		£81,030.5
UMMARY		Opening Ba	alance	£81,030.54				
OWIWART		Closing Bal		£72,488.75				
		Profit/Loss		-£8,541.79				
Additional M	Notes:							
ixed Assets	held - 2 x Pi			& Mic's - total less depreciation i	s £2,383.40			
		¹ after 8 years ed - scaffoldii	ng poles £416	.46				
		fter 20 years						
				7				
Outstanding	; unpaid inv	oices:						
	& C Progra	mme Adverti	sing (19/20)					
		a Annio cerir	ots (20/21)					

SPRINGERS	
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR TH	IE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2022
SPRINGERS GENERAL FUND	
INCOME	
Membership Donations	£ 385.00
Premium Bond wins	£ 175.00
Bank Interest Net	£ 1.50
Community card	£ 15.00
Membership fees	£ 3,920.00
Essex Lottery	£ 703.50
Refund Hall Hire	£ 99.00
Equipment Hire	£ 550.00
Easy Fundraising	£ 33.62
Presidents Ball donation	£ 625.02 Total profit less £500 donated to the British Lung Foundation
Costume Hire	£ 350.00
Tuck shop	£ 125.56
Clothing commission	£ 73.34
General Donations	£ 175.00
	£ 7,231.54
EXPENDITURE	
Noda subscription	£ 235.00
Stripe fees	£ 228.72
Website expenses	£ 135.82
Team app adverts blocked and zoom	£ 227.78
Long service awards	£ 149.00
Piano storage	£ 104.79
Insurance	£ 2,021.80
Stationery and card reader	£ 110.71
General publicity	£ 869.48
Cards and gifts	£ 193.07
Show levy refunds - South Pacific	£ 312.00
General Hall Hire	£ 28.77
Auditor fee	£ 50.00
General backstage	£ 69.25
Meeting venue hire	£ 540.00 Amount covers costs for the last 3 years. Now paid quarterly.
Barn expenses	£ 6,098.42
President 2020 dinner	£ 676.84
Show fee pots	£ 660.00 South Pacific show levies transferred to other shows or donations.
Depreciation	£ 696.13
	£ 13,407.58
SURPLUS/DEFICIT	-£ 6,176.04
SORFLOS/DEFICIT	
	£ 7,231.54

SPRINGERS	
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT F	FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2021
OFFSPRINGERS GENERAL FUND	
INCOME	
Term Fees	£ 936.00
Grant income	£ 500.00
Annie scripts damaged	£ 45.00
	£ 1,481.00
EXPENDITURE	
General Hall Hire	£ 208.85
DBS checks	£ 200.00
T-shirts	£ 247.00
	£ 655.85
SURPLUS/DEFICIT	£ 825.15
	£ 1,481.00

SPRINGERS						
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCO	UNT FOR THE YEAR	RENDED 315	TMARCH 2022			
BARN EXPENSES						
Rent	£	4,740.00		* Racking and	boxes	£ 294.99
Electricity	£	200.69		* Step ladder		£ 120.00
Business Rates	£	373.76		* Wood, glue	, sprays etc	£ 368.98
General Expenses *	£	783.97				£ 783.97
	£	6,098.42				

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACC	OUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 20	022
PRODUCTION FUNDS		
	HONK	LITTLE SHOP OF HORRORS
INCOME		
Tshirts	£400.00	-
Scripts	£380.00	-
Term Fees/Show Levy	£3,500.00	£1,110.0
Donation	£250.00	£250.0
Programme adverts	£115.00	£330.0
Raffle	£266.00	
Programme sales	£287.00	£414.0
Springers/Offspringers Tickets	£68.00	£390.0
Photos		£80.0
Theatre Ticket Sales		£15,538.0
	£5,266.00	£18,112.0
EXPENDITURE		
Libs and scores	-£334.88	-£480.0
Tshirts	-£420.00	-
Rehearsal venue hire	-£1,065.30	-£1,556.40
Theatre Hire	-£3,611.86	-£4,019.2
Publicity, Printing etc	-£288.00	-£444.0
Hair & make up	-£17.28	-
Backstage	-£172.84	-£869.0
Director fee	-£1,000.00	-
MD & band	-£1,880.00	-£2,315.0
Photographer	-£250.00	-£260.0
Sound	-£917.00	-£646.8
Front of House	-£46.90	-£34.70
Props		-£253.8
Box office fees		-£1,140.3
Lighting		-£120.0
Programmes		-£306.0
Postage & Packing		-£87.4
Royalties		-£1,983.3
Wardrobe		-£548.7
Prior year expense		-£1,000.00
Licence deposit	-£500.00	
	-£10,504.06	-£16,064.84
Income less expenditure	-£5,238.06	£2,047.1
	£5,266.00	£18,112.0
Note: Honk income from ticket s		

SPRINGERS		
FINAL FIGURES FOR PRO	DUCTIONS Y/E 31ST MARCH 2022	
	LITTLE SHOP OF HORRORS	
	Income	4553
	Ticket sales	15538
	Show Levy	1110
	Programme sales	414
	Programme adverts	33(
	Photos	80
	Offspringers Trip	390
	Donations	400
		18262
	Expenditure	
	Backstage and set	924
	Props	224
	Lighting	120
	Sound	646
	Rehearsals	1556
	Music	2130
	Libs, Scores, Band parts (inc postage)	81:
	Wardrobe	54
	Theatre Hire	4019
	Box office expenses	1140
	Publicity	270
	Programmes	30
	Hair & Make up	150
	Royalties	298
	Flyers and posters	119
	FOH expenses	35
	Photos	260
	Comps	440
	Discount to O/Springers	170
		1684
	PROFIT	£1,415.00

Signed

On behalf of the Trustees

Anver Anderson (Chair of the Trustees)

Date: 5th June 2022

Auditor

Ross Rogers FCA

Date: 5th June 2022